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SUBJECT:  CLERIDES SAYS HIS APPOINTMENT NOT PERMANENT

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IN A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY THE NEWLY-SWORN IN PRESIDENT OF

CYPRUS, GLAFKOS CLERIDES, SAID HIS APPOINTMENT WAS NOT PERMANENT.

CLERIDES POINTED OUT THAT HE WAS FULFILLING HIS CONSTITUTIONAL

ROLE WHICH CALLS FOR HIM, AS THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF

REPRESENTATIVES, TO ASSUME THE PRESIDENCY WHEN THE PRESIDENT

RESIGNS.  CLERIDES SAID HE WANTS ELECTIONS FOR PARLIAMENT AND THE

PRESIDENCY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.  THE CONSTITUTION DOES IN FACT

CALL FOR ELECTIONS WITHIN 45 DAYS AFTER THE INSTALLATION OF AN

"ACTING PRESIDENT."

CLERIDES ALSO SAID THAT THE RETURN OF ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS TO

CYPRUS WAS A MATTER "FOR THE PEOPLE TO DECIDE."  HE ADDED, HOWEVER,

THAT IT WOULD BE "UNWISE" FOR MAKARIOS TO RETURN AT THE PRESENT

TIME.  ASKED WHETHER SAMPSON WOULD BE ON TRIAL, CLERIDES SAID

HE DID NOT WANT ANY TRIALS OR ANYTHING ELSE THAT COULD LEAD TO MORE

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TENSION ON THE ISLAND. CLERIDES SAID HIS MAIN OBJECTIVE WAS TO

SEE THAT THE STATE OF CYPRUS IS NOT ABOLISHED AND TO ENFORCE THE

CEASE-FIRE IN NICOSIA AND OTHER PARTS OF THE ISLAND.

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